## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** National Stepfamily Day is enhanced by our strong commitment to support the stepfamilies of our nation in their mission to raise their children, and create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, instilling in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately half of all Americans are currently involved in some form of stepfamily relationship and it is the vision of Christy Tusing-Borgeld and the Stepfamily Foundation, that all stepfamilies in the United States be accepted, supported and successful; and

**WHEREAS,** Oregon has been blessed by thousands upon thousands of loving stepparents and stepchildren who are daily reminders of the joy, trials and triumphs of the stepfamily experience, and of the boundless love contained in the bond between all types of parents and children; and

**WHEREAS,** National Stepfamily Day is a day to celebrate the many invaluable contributions stepfamilies have made to enriching the lives and life experience of the children and parents of America and to strengthening the fabric of American families and society.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2022 as

## NATIONAL STEPFAMILY DAY

in the City of Medford and urge all citizens to join us in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

Randy Sparacino Mayor of Medford

